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SUBJECT: TEXTILES: CATEGORY 49 EMBARGO AND "GENEVA" AMENDMENT

TO US-GOP TEXTILE AGREEMENT

REF: (A) MANILA 10626, (B) MANILA 10847

- 1. COMMITTEE FOR IMPLEMENTATION OF TEXTILE AGREEMENTS (CITA) AGENCIES ARE AWARE OF INTENSE GOP CONCERN REGARDING EMBARGO OF CATEGORY 49 WHICH EMBASSY CONVEYED IN NUMEROUS CABLES, MOST RECENT OF WHICH ARE REFERENCED. NO REPLY HAS BEEN RECEIVED TO ANY OF THESE CABLES, PRESUMABLY BECAUSE CITA AGENCIES LOOKED FORWARD TO BILATERAL TALKS IN EARLY JUNE TO DEAL WITH EMBARGO. TALKS WERE HELD AND NOTES IMPLEMENTING AMENDMENT WHICH RESULTED HAVE FINALLY BEEN EXCHANGED.
- 2. ONCE AGAIN, THE PHILIPPINE TEXTILE EXPORT BOARD (TEB)
  HAS URGENTLY REQUESTED THAT CATEGORY 49 EMBARGO WHICH DATES
  (SO FAR AS KNOW) FROM MARCH BE LIFTED. EMBASSY WOULD
  APPRECIATE IT IF (1) EMBARGO COULD BE LIFTED ASAP
  AND (2) CITA AGENCIES COULD PROVIDE STATUS OF CATEGORY 49;
  I.A., AMOUNT OF YARDAGE LEFT IN THIS CATEGORY AFTER EMLIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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BARGOOED GOODS ARE CLEARED.

3. KTTA AGENCIES WILL ALSO REMEMBER THAT GOP MAINTAINS THAT AT LEAST PART OF CATEGORY 49 DIFFICULTIES ARE CAUSED BY DIFFERENCES IN TRADE FIGURES. EMBASSY HAS NEVER BEEN INFORMED CONCERNING OUTCOME OF PROPOSED TALKS WITH PHILIPPINE EMBASSY WASHINGTON ON THIS SUBJECT OR EVEN IF TALKS TOOK

PLACE. FINALLY, GOP HAS REQUESTED US GOVERNMENT'S ACEUIESCENCE TO "BORROW" AGAINST CATEGORY 49 FOR NEXT AGREEMENT YEAR.

PRESUMABLY, THIS GOP REQUEST WAS SUPERCEDED BY "GENEVA"

AMENDMENT, BUT EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE, IN ANY CASE, KNOWING STATUS OF THIS REQUEST WHETHER OR NOT DISPUTED

TRADE FIGURES ON CATEGORY 49 HAVE BEEN RESOLVED.

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